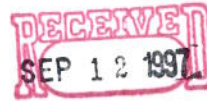


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W.O. #422-09

Subject: Wood Preserving Works Facility; Second Semiannual 1997
Ground Water Monitoring and Sampling Event;
4910 Liberty Road Facility, Houston, Texas;
Post-Closure Care Permit No. HW-50343-000;
Industrial Solid Waste Registration No. 31547



Dear Dr. Yadav:

On behalf of Southern Pacific Transportation Company, ERM-Southwest, Inc. is hereby notifying the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) of intent to conduct the second semiannual 1997 ground water monitoring and sampling of existing wells at the above-referenced site beginning on September 22, 1997. This 10-day advance written notification is provided in accordance with TNRCC Permit No. HW-50343, Provision VIII.G.

Ground water levels will be measured and ground water samples will be collected using the protocols described in the facility's Sampling and Analysis Plan. In accordance with the Permit, this notice of our intended schedule is provided to afford TNRCC personnel the opportunity to observe this event and collect samples at their discretion.

Should you have any questions, please call either Mr. Ed Honig of Union Pacific Railroad at (402) 271-5979 or us.

Sincerely yours,

ERM-SOUTHWEST, INC.

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